GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1011
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2003
DECLINE IN GROUND WATER TABLE
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of fast depleting ground water table in the country causing water scarcity in drought prone States;

(b) if so, whether the Government have drawn up any comprehensive plan for rain water harvesting in the States by creating necessary infrastructure;

(c) the details of funds allocated/released to various State Governments during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government have any proposal to make it mandatory for all schools, colleges and universities having huge track of land and recharge potential to create infrastructure for rain water harvesting;

(e) if so, whether the Government propose to consider involving UGC, Corporate sector and State Governments to help School, Colleges and Universities to create infrastructure for the purpose; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Water being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments to plan, finance and execute schemes for augmenting water resources including rain water harvesting. The Central Government has initiated following measures to recharge the underground water source:-

(i) Implementation of a Central Sector Scheme for Study of Recharge to Ground Water in the country.

(ii) Circulation of Manual/Guidelines on Artificial Recharge of Ground Water to the States/Union Territories to enable them to formulate area specific artificial recharge schemes to check the declining trend in ground water levels.

(iii) Organisation of mass awareness programmes and training courses on rain water harvesting and artificial recharge of ground water.

(iv) Constitution of Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for regulation and control of ground water management and development.

(v) Launching of a website on Roof Top Rain Water Harvesting (www.cgwbindia.com) to make aware and educate the public about various techniques of harvesting rainwater and store it for future use.

(c) The Central Ground Water Board implemented demonstrative rainwater harvesting and recharge projects in the country under its Central Sector Scheme for 'Studyof Recharge to Ground Water'. Under this scheme, a total number of 174 projects were approved for implementation in 27 States/Union Territories at a cost of Rs. 35.81 crore. State-wise details of the funds allocated/released under the scheme during the last three years are given in enclosed Statement.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) & (f) The Central Ground Water Authority has organised 103mass awareness programmes and conducted 39 training courses on rain water harvesting associating representatives from Central/State Government Organisations, Group Housing Societies, Educational Institutions, Industries, NGOs/VOsand individuals to create trained manpower to take up the work of rain water harvesting. The CGWA has also issued directions to institutions/schools located in notified areas of South and South West districts of NCT Delhi, Municipal Corporation of Faridabadand Ballabgarh of Haryana, Municipal Corporation ofGhaziabad in Uttar Pradesh, Gurgaon Town and adjoining Industrial Areas of Gurgaon district of Haryana to adopt roof top rain water harvesting systems.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (c) OF LOKSABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1011 FOR REPLY O
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DETAILS OF FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER THE CENTRAL GROUND WATER BOARD'S SCHEME ON 'STUDY OF REC
TO GROUND WATER' DURING LAST THREE YEARS UPTO 20.02.2003

S.No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Funds allocated during the last three years (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	52.25
2.	Assam	63.50
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	20.00
4.	Bihar	9.84
5.	Gujarat	20.05
6.	Haryana	87.29
7	Himachal Pradesh	63.25
8.	Jharkhand	25.73
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	59.96
10.	Karnataka	28.75
11.	Kerala	68.82
12.	Madhya Pradesh	33.64
13.	Maharashtra	57.30
14.	Meghalaya	18.65
15.	Mizoram	28.00
16.	Nagaland	122.17
17.	Orissa	856.05
18.	Punjab	264.14
19.	Rajasthan	71.69
20.	Tamil Nadu	137.94
21.	Uttar Pradesh	70.97
22.	Uttaranchal	0
23.	West Bengal	85.37
24.	NCT of Delhi	65.65
25.	A & N Islands	8.39
26.	Lakshadweep	8.00
27.	Chandigarh	62.49
TOTAL:		2389.89